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| Reference ID | Created | Released | Classification | Origin |
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| 09QUITO1049 | 2009-12-21 20:12 | 2011-08-30 01:44 | SECRET//NOFORN | Embassy Quito |

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date: 12/21/2009 20:12
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CLASSIFIED BY: Heather M. Hodges, Ambassador; REASON: 1.4(A), (B), (C), (D)

¶1. (C) Summary: Navy Commander Admiral Molestina approached the Embassy on September 1 to propose formalizing information sharing between the Ecuadorian Navy and USG. While Molestina's motivation for signing such an agreement may include protecting his own position and his personnel, other contacts within the Ecuadorian Navy claim that the timing is good to formalize intelligence cooperation. Such an agreement should be limited in scope initially, but allow for future expansion. The Embassy supports this initiative as a counter to increasing resistance by the Ecuadorian military to engage with the USG. End Summary.

Navy Suggests Information Sharing Agreement

¶2. (S/NF) Navy Commander Admiral Aland Molestina asked the Embassy's Naval Attache on September 1 to initiate a request to formalize information sharing between the Ecuadorian Navy and USG (Ref B), to focus on maritime interdiction. The Defense Attache Office in Quito has worked with counterparts in the U.S. intelligence community and USSOUTHCOM to confirm the viability of such cooperation, with positive feedback to date.

¶3. (C) Admiral Molestina explained that his motives for this request were to ensure continued cooperation after potential changes in military leadership in the next few months and to protect personnel from unwanted political and judicial prosecution. Molestina, who is also a candidate to become the next Chief of Defense, may want to ensure that any intelligence relationship with the USG is fully disclosed. Molestina has already raised the idea with Minister of Defense Javier Ponce (Ref A).

¶4. (C) The USG signed two special unit information sharing agreements with the Ecuadorian National Police in July 2009. The Ecuadorian Navy has cited these agreements as a model for an information sharing agreement between the two navies. According to Ecuadorian Navy contacts, the current Ecuadorian political climate is right to forge and receive approval for such an agreement.

Initially Limited But Open to Future Expansion

¶5. (C) Any information sharing agreement between the U.S. and Ecuadorian navies that would most likely be limited in scope -- defining the Ecuadorian Navy's role in support of U.S. efforts to combat illicit activities in and around Ecuadorian maritime and territorial domains. However, any such agreement should permit multiple USG agencies to work at multiple levels with the Ecuadorian Navy and associated agencies as necessary. In addition, such an agreement should allow for future expansion to other agencies or activities, following interagency coordination and concurrence.

¶6. (S/NF) The Embassy supports establishing an information sharing agreement between the U.S. and Ecuadorian navies. The Ecuadorian Navy is currently the main player in interdiction and we need to maintain cooperation. Signing an agreement would also mark a departure from an increasingly negative trend in Ecuador to limit military-to-military relations (Ref B).
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